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SUBJECT: MORE PARLIAMENTARY BRICKBATS FOR MIDLINK & CIA

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1. RESPONDING TO A ROUTINE WRITTEN QUESTION IN THE LOK
SABHA ON NOVEMBER 21, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS BIPINPAL DAS REVIEWED THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, DES-
CRIBED THE JOINT COMMISSION AND REPORTED THERE WAS NOW
MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING IN US-INDIAN RELATIONS.

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2. IN SUBSEQUENT ORAL QUESTIONING DAS SAID INDIA HAD REPEATEDLY MADE KNOWN ITS CONCERNS ABOUT NAVAL MOVEMENTS IN THE INDIA OCEAN. HE SAID THAT MATTER WAS DISCUSSED. DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND THE TWO SIDES HAD DIFFERED. HE DENIED THAT INDIA HAD RENOUNCED ALL INITIATIVES WITH THE LITTORAL STATES, BUT SAID THAT INDIA WAS CONCENTRATING UPON MOBILIZING WORLD OPINION IN ORDER TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE GREAT POWERS TO LIMIT THEIR NAVAL ACTIVITIES.

3. QUERIED AS TO FOOD AID, DAS SAID THAT SUBJECT TOO HAD BEEN VERY CAREFULLY CONSIDERED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS.

4. TO ALLEGATIONS OF CIA ACTIVITY IN INDIA, DAS SAID THE MATTER HAD BEEN TAKEN UP BY THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE GOI HAD BEEN GIVEN A CATEGORICAL UNDERTAKING THAT "THERE WAS NO CIA ACTIVITY IN INDIA". THIS COMMENT WAS GREETED WITH HOOTS AND GENERAL DISORDER IN THE OPPOSITION BENCHES AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE SHOUTING FROM CONGRESS BACK-BENCHERS. FOLLOWING TEN MINUTES OF CACOPHONY DAS FINALLY GOT THE FLOOR AGAIN AND SAID THE CIA QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED IN THE TALKS AND AGAIN BY THE SECRETARY AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI. HE SAID THE SECRETARY GAVE CLEAR ASSURANCES THAT THERE WAS NO CIA ACTIVITY AIMED AT INFLUENCING "DOMESTIC POLITICS" IN INDIA.
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